

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 4, 2004 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1-16 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification. Claims 17 and 23-25 have been cancelled. Claims 1-16 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully request that this Amendment be entered. This Amendment should be entered because it puts the claims in condition for allowance. This response should not require further consideration or search by the Examiner because the Examiner has already indicated that this Amendment would put the claims in allowable form.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejected claims 17 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over DeOca et al. (U.S. Patent 4,785,676) in view of Landries et al. (U.S. Patent 4,541,036). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, however, Applicants have cancelled claims 17 and 23-25 to advance this case to allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 1-16) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.



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Respectfully submitted,

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